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FALL 2019
38TH GRADUATION CELEBRATION

DECEMBER 19, 2019
**PROGRAM**

*Presentation of Colors and National Anthem*
Eastwood High School Army
JROTC Color Guard

*Invocation*
Adriana Garcia
Lead Organizer, EPISO & Border Interfaith
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*Welcome*
Special Guests, Board & Team
Roman Ortiz,
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*Special Team Member Recognition*
Priscilla Estrada, Senior Case Manager
Recognized by Roman Ortiz
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*History of Project ARRIBA and Civic Engagement*
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*Participant Voices*
Margaret Waithera, Registered Nurse
El Paso Community College
Introduced by Priscilla Estrada,
Senior Case Manager

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*Participant Voices*
Marion O'Veal-White, Registered Nurse, BSN
The University of Texas at El Paso
Introduced by Mimi Duran,
Senior Case Manager

*Keynote Speaker*
Rep. Joe Moody
District 78,
Texas House of Representatives

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*Presentation of Graduates*
Olivia Lucero,
Director of Accounting

*Rose Quade–Bonar Scholarship Fund Recipient*
Erica Uratu,
Registered Nurse BSN, UTEP

Recognized by Olivia Lucero

*Closing Remarks*
Roman Ortiz,
Chief Executive Officer
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Joe grew up in politics and became actively involved in campaigns at a young age. In 2008, he decided to take on the challenge himself and entered a Texas House race which proved to be one of the most hotly contested statewide. His election at age 27 made him the youngest state representative in Texas.

Although his legislative work has touched on topics from veterans’ issues and mental health to education and equality, Joe’s passion has been criminal justice. He’s devoted attention to rightsizing penalties (especially as an advocate for marijuana decriminalization), opposing capital punishment, preventing wrongful convictions, promoting diversion and reintegration, and improving both access to justice and indigent defense outcomes. Joe has also filled critical gaps in our laws on domestic violence, stalking, human trafficking, and sexual assault.

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**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

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- Anilu Flores
- Anahi Martinez-Soto
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Registered Nurse
- Vanessa Chavez
- Ruby Cline
- Cassandra Hernandez
- Jessica Hernandez
- Priscilla Marrufo
- Luis Miramontes
- Jendy Parchment
- Raquel Perez
- Leslie Rodriguez
- Karisma Salazar
- Margaret Waithera

Registered Nurse - B.S.N.
- Alexandra Arciniega
- Michael Armendariz
- Javier Camacho
- Marisol Gonzalez
- Rebecca L. Gonzalez
- Patricia Maese
- Marion O’Veal-White
- Valarie Reyes McCoy
- Bianca Robinson
- Andrea Saenz
- Melinda Soto
- Andrea Varela
- Tanya Vazquez

Diesel Mechanic
- Alec Muniz
- Evan Muniz